



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2872**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: James Phan  
Keiichiro ISHIHARA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2872  
Application No.: 09/696,000 )  
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Filed: October 26, 2000 )  
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING ) April 2, 2003  
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM )  
OPTICAL SCANNING )  
APPARATUS, AND )  
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Official Action mailed December 2, 2002, for one month, from March 2, 2003, up to and including April 2, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit

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The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.